

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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<b>MARK HILL</b>	,	:	<b>CIVIL ACTION</b>
	<b>Plaintiff,</b>	:	
		:	<b>NO.10-5379</b>
	<b>v.</b>	:	
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<b>CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al.,</b>		:	
	<b>Defendants.</b>	:	

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**DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED  
COMPLAINT WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Defendants, the City of Philadelphia, and Richard Decoatsworth, by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby responds to Plaintiff's Complaint as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. Upon information and belief, admitted.
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**PARTIES**

3. Upon information and belief, admitted.

4. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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**ALLEGED FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

15-20. Plaintiff's Complaint does not list paragraphs 15-20.

21. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

22. Denied. Answering Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truthfulness of the averments contained in this paragraph. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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### **COUNT I**

65. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-64, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

66. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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70. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Answering Defendants deny that they are liable on the cause of action declared herein, and demand judgment in their favor plus interest and costs.

## **COUNT II**

71. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-70, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

72. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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### **COUNT III**

77. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-76, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

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#### **COUNT IV**

83. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-82, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

84. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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**WHEREFORE**, the Answering Defendants deny that they are liable on the cause of action declared herein, and demand judgment in their favor plus interest and costs.

#### **COUNT V**

91. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-90, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

92. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

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94. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Answering Defendants deny that they are liable on the cause of action declared herein, and demand judgment in their favor plus interest and costs.

**COUNT VII**

95. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-94, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

96. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

97. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Answering Defendants deny that they are liable on the cause of action declared herein, and demand judgment in their favor plus interest and costs.

**COUNT VIII**

98. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference their answers to paragraphs 1-97, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

99. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

100. Denied. This paragraph contains conclusions of law to which the Rules of Civil Procedure require no response. Strict proof thereof is demanded at the arbitration or trial of this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, the Answering Defendants deny that they are liable on the cause of action declared herein, and demand judgment in their favor plus interest and costs.

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**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Answering defendant assert all of the defenses, immunities, and limitations of damages available to him under the “Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act” and aver that Plaintiff’s remedies are limited exclusively thereto. Act of Oct 5, 1980, No. 142, P.L. 693, 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 8541 et seq.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Answering Defendant is immune from liability under the doctrine of qualified immunity.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The plaintiff has suffered no legally cognizable injury, harm, loss, or damage upon which relief can be granted.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The plaintiff’s claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that she has failed to take reasonable measures to mitigate any or all damages.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

The plaintiff’s claims are barred, in whole or in part, insofar as Answering Defendant’s purported actions or omissions were not the proximate cause of any alleged injury, loss, or damage incurred by the plaintiff.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

At all times material to this civil action, Answering Defendant has acted in a reasonable, proper, and lawful manner.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claims are barred by the applicable Statute of Limitations.

**WHEREFORE**, answering Defendant denies that he is liable upon all causes of action declared upon and demand judgment in his favor, plus interest and costs.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that service of a true and correct copy of defendants' Answer with Affirmative Defenses was filed via ECF, and is available for viewing and downloading via the Court's ECF system.

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Philadelphia, PA 19109

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